

HOUSE RESOLUTION 287
By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Criss Terry Caywood on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Terry Caywood is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 35 years within the Bradley County School System; and

WHEREAS, the son of J.B. and Crissie Caywood and brother of Sandy Murphy, Connie Johnson, Jim Caywood, and Ronnie Caywood, Terry Caywood has played an instrumental role in the Bradley County School System since his days as a student; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1963, he graduated from Bradley Central High School and subsequently decided to make a college career one of his top priorities; a self-motivated and persevering individual, Mr. Caywood worked at Olin Chemical in order to earn the money necessary for his tuition to Lee College; and

WHEREAS, during his junior year at Lee College, Terry received a call to work as a teacher at Hopewell Elementary School; he received his Associate of Arts degree on May 30,

1965 and began his teaching career after obtaining a waiver to teach before completing a bachelor degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caywood served with probity in the classroom as a teacher, coached football and track in the afternoons and completed his degree through night school; this remarkable man earned his Bachelor of Science from Lee College on May 17, 1970; and

WHEREAS, a gifted teacher, he continued educating fifth grade students at Hopewell Elementary School; in recognition of his astute skill and leadership abilities, he was offered several principal positions which he gracefully turned down until 1972, when he was persuaded to serve as principal at Prospect Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, by 1973, Terry Caywood had earned his Masters of Education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and successfully led Prospect Elementary School to the forefront of Bradley County's educational facilities; the school became only the third in the county to offer Kindergarten and thus gained respect from the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caywood's efforts to improve upon the building and physical necessities of the school became a priority; he was instrumental in gaining a grant from the commission for a 1.4 million dollar request to add seven classrooms, a gym and cafeteria, and a central heat and air system to replace the old outdated boiler; and

WHEREAS, since the day Terry Caywood stepped into Prospect Elementary as the capable leader of the school, the improvements and progress have been constant; Prospect became one of the first schools to have a computer lab and has earned both the Governors' Award for Excellence and SACS Accreditation under his astute administration; and

WHEREAS, most recently, an additional grant of 1.5 million dollars was awarded for the addition of four classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caywood has had a great influence in the community; he has been able to unite the community around the school and has earned the respect and admiration of parents, teachers, and community leaders and the love of the children for whom he so diligently works to provide; and

WHEREAS, his strong Christian values have always guided his work and the results have been remarkable; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extreme dedication and countless contributions, in a unanimous vote during the May Board meeting, the Bradley County Board of Education granted that the gymnasium be named The Terry Caywood Gymnasium in order to honor this selfless and committed man; and

WHEREAS, a modest and humble man, Mr. Caywood remarked that God had led him to education and that he would like to be remembered as a principal who loved kids and was a Christian role model to others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caywood exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, outside of his commitment to educational excellence, Terry Caywood feels fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Sue Beaty Caywood; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud father of Robin Hickman, Ginger Goins, Carrie Trew and Criss Caywood; he is also the devoted grandfather of Danielle and Amber Goins; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Mr. Caywood faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of the Gum Springs Baptist Church, where he often participates in mission trips to Honduras; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Terry Caywood has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Terry Caywood our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.